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In re Application of:) Attorney Docket No. 3285.01US02
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 Kurt A. MacKay et al.)
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Application No.: 09/892,753) Office of Petitions
) Patent and Trademark Office
Filed: June 28, 2001)
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Title: ROTATING PUNCHING ACCESSORY)
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PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF THE NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

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Sir:

The Applicant of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/892,753, Kurt A. MacKay, hereby requests the Office of Petitions to withdraw the Notice of Abandonment mailed on February 18, 2005, received by Applicant's attorney on February 28, 2005.

The Notice of Abandonment refers to Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings. However, the drawings were never objected to. Copies of the office actions filed in the present application are enclosed herewith. The only reference to corrected drawings is the checked corrected drawings box on the Notice of Allowance. A copy of the Notice of Allowance is enclosed herewith. Applicant believes this box was inadvertently checked in error because the drawings were never objected to and any errors in the drawings were never communicated to the Applicant.

The Issue Fee Transmittal was properly deposited via First Class Mail on December 21, 2004 as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.10. A copy of the Issue Fee Transmittal is enclosed with this petition. The Acknowledgement postcard received from the PTO mail room was stamped December 27, 2004. A copy of the Acknowledgement card is also enclosed.

Therefore, Applicant feels the Notice of Abandonment was entered in error and respectfully requests that the application be revived. It is believed that the error was inadvertently made on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office, and therefore no fee is due in relation to this matter. However, please charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 16-0631 to ensure prompt revival of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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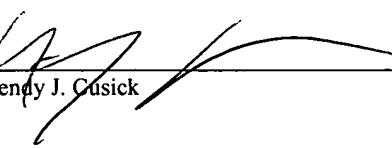
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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/892,753	06/28/2001	Kurt A. Mackay	3285.01US02	3382

TITLE OF INVENTION: ROTATING PUNCHING ACCESSORY

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1330	\$300	\$1630	12/21/2004
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a. Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)
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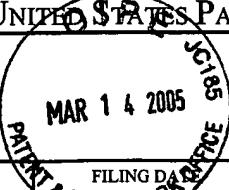
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Effective October 1, 2004, 37 CFR 1.18 is amended by revising paragraphs (a) through (c) to read as set forth below.

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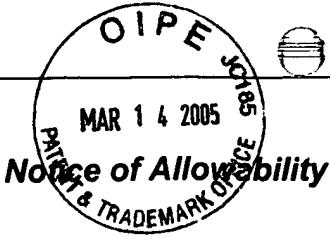
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to Amendment dated

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 5 and 7-10

3. The drawings filed on 1 are accepted by the Examiner.

4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- 1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
- 4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
- 5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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- 7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9. Other _____.



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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 6/28/01
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 7-10 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-4 and 6 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 5 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
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- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

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- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____

- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

Claims 7-10 are allowed.

Claims 5 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1,2,3,4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Puranda fig 1 in view of fig 3.

Puranda discloses a device comprising a support plate (38) attaching means (42) in the form of bolts arms (48) a rotating means (52,58) and a bag (54) located on the ends of the arms.

Puranda however in fig 1 does not disclose his arm member as being rectangular

Fig 3 of Puranda however discloses a device having a cross bar member (62) having a rectangular cross section.

Given the teaching of manufacturing bar member having varied shaped cross section the examiner notes that it would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art to manufacturing the cross member bar assembly (48) as having a rectangular cross section.

In regard to claim 3, element 28 is considered as a rotating axle support and element (52) is a bearing member.

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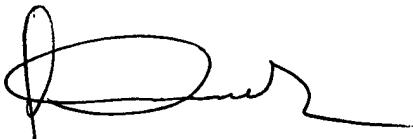
The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. 1) Note the overall device of Noftsinger and Forrest.

Note the suspendable features of Schechner et al, and Moore et al

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Jerome Donnelly at telephone number 308-2668.

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April 10, 2003



Jerome W. Donnelly
Primary Examiner



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION

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Status

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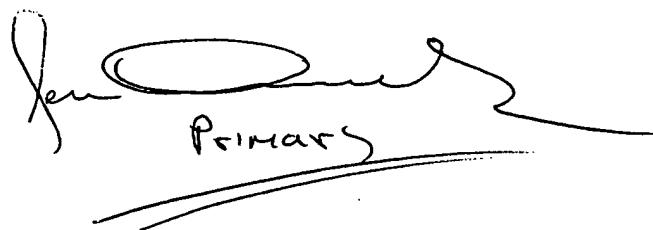
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